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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Taizo SHIRAI et al.  
Serial No. : 09/982,624  
For : **DATA STORAGE DEVICE, DATA RECORDING  
METHOD, DATA PLAYBACK METHOD, AND  
PROGRAM PROVIDING MEDIUM**  
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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action which issued March 1, 2005, please consider  
the following amendment to the above-referenced application.